

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:24CR00308 HEA
)	
RONALD SIMPSON,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR A PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

COMES NOW the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Sayler A. Fleming, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Jonathan A. Clow, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, and moves this Court to issue a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture in the above-captioned case. In support thereof, the United States sets forth the following:

1. On June 18, 2024, Defendant Ronald Simpson pled guilty to the offense of Wire Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, and also agreed, in writing in the Guilty Plea Agreement, to the forfeiture of any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.
2. Defendant also agreed to the entry of a forfeiture money judgment against Defendant and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$2,188,704.20, which represents the value of

the any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to Defendant's offense.

3. At of the time of this Motion, the United States has not identified any specific property subject to forfeiture, nor has it identified any property warranting forfeiture as a substitute asset pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

4. Rule 32.2(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provides that if the Court cannot identify specific property subject to forfeiture, it may enter a forfeiture order describing the property to be forfeited in general terms and stating that the order will be amended under Rule 32.2(e) when additional specific property is identified.

5. Because the United States does not seek to forfeit any specific property at this time, notice to third parties is not required under Rule 32.2(b)(6)(A). In addition, Rule 32.2(c)(1) provides that "no ancillary proceeding is required to the extent that the forfeiture consists of a money judgment."

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4)(A) and Defendant's Guilty Plea Agreement, the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture becomes final as to Defendant upon sentencing.

7. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4)(B), the Court must include the forfeiture when orally announcing the sentence or must otherwise ensure Defendant knows of the forfeiture at sentencing. The Court must also include the forfeiture order, directly or by reference, in the judgment, but the Court's failure to do so may be corrected at any time under Rule 36.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States moves this Court to enter a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture forfeiting any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to Defendant's offense,

and that includes a forfeiture money judgment against Defendant and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$2,188,704.20. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3), the United States also requests authority to conduct any discovery permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to identify, locate, or dispose of any property subject to forfeiture under this order, including depositions, interrogatories, subpoenas, and requests for production. The United States submits herewith its proposed Preliminary Order of Forfeiture.

Dated: September 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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